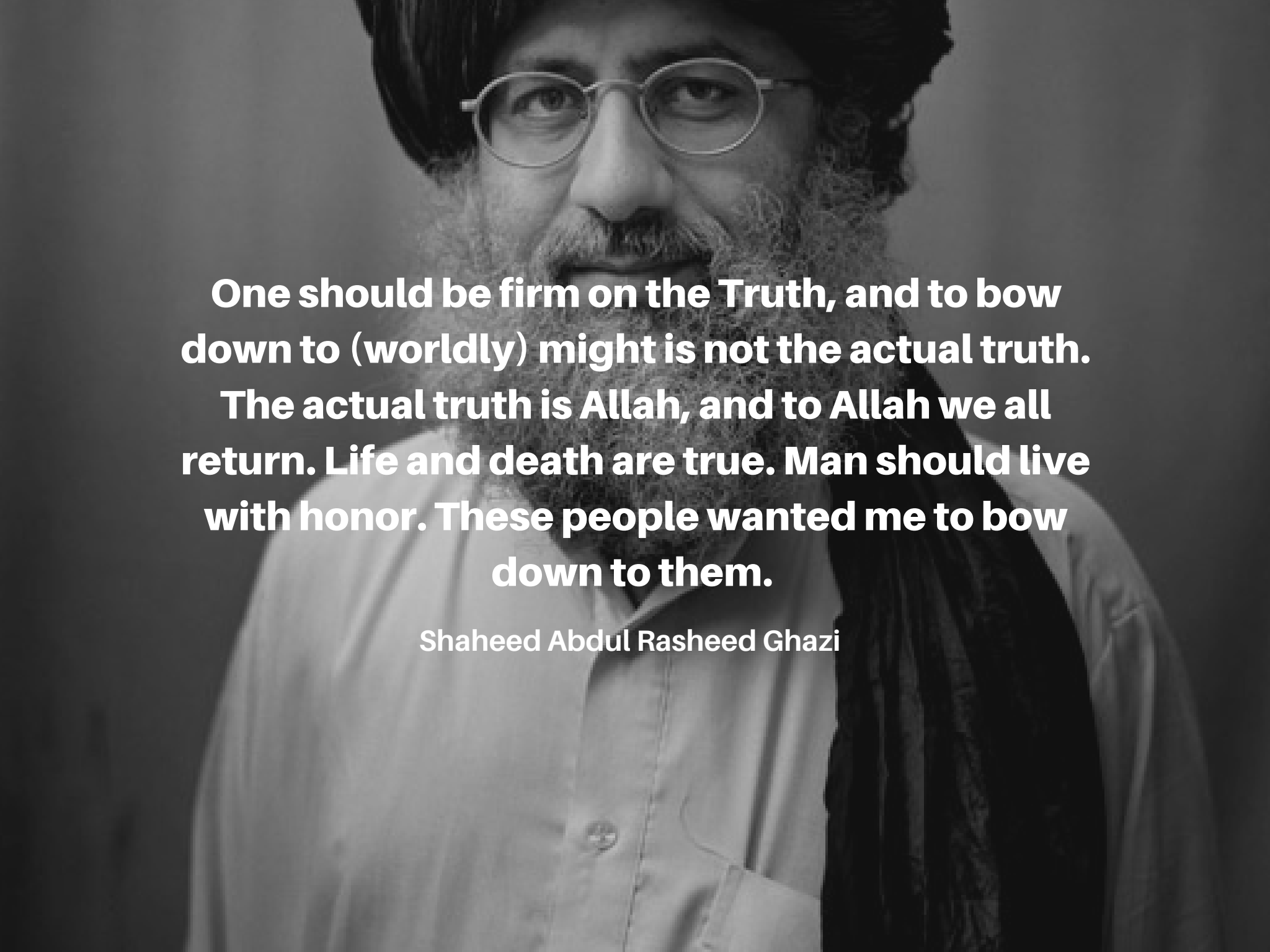


Lal Masjid

A Brief History



A black and white portrait of a man with a full beard and glasses, wearing a light-colored shirt and a dark shawl. The text is overlaid on the image.

One should be firm on the Truth, and to bow down to (worldly) might is not the actual truth. The actual truth is Allah, and to Allah we all return. Life and death are true. Man should live with honor. These people wanted me to bow down to them.

Shaheed Abdul Rasheed Ghazi



The Red Mosque lies in the heart of the Pakistani capital city of Islamabad. Its administration subscribes to the Deobandi school of thought, led by Maulana Abdul Aziz (chief cleric)

Lal Masjid was constructed by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) and funded by the Ministry of Finance in the 1960s. In 1966 Maulana Muhammad Abdullah was appointed its first Imam (prayer leader) . Years later, in 1981, the restructuring of the mosque, worth Pakistani rupees 7.255 million, was conducted on the directive of the religious President Zia ul Haq.

"Lal Masjid and its seminaries are generally appreciated for their philanthropic work, including housing orphans and poor children, and providing them with education"

Maulana Muhammad Abdullah Shaheed

Maulana Muhammad Abdullah Ghazi was born on June 1, 1935 in far-flung village Rajanpur, Basti-Abdullah. His father (Ghazi Muhammad) was socially active that got him in trouble many times and was arrested by British and sentenced. In jail he became religious and motivated Abdullah to enrol into a local madrasa at the age of 7 and later, he moved to Karachi for further study. In accordance with his father's wish, he dedicated himself for Islamic study he graduated from Jamia Uloom-ul-Islamia in Banori-town Karachi.

he was appointed as the first Imam of the Lal Masjid in 1966. He created many seminaries in Pakistan and first time in Pakistan, he introduced a female madrasa education system and created Pakistan's first female seminary Jamia Hafsa. In 1997 he was appointed as Chairman of Ruet-e-Hilal committee, Maulana Abdullah had also played a key role in mobilizing the masses in support of the protest against Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in 1977, earning him President Zia ul Haq's Respect,



During The Soviet Afghan War He Played A Major role in recruiting and training mujahideen to fight alongside the Afghan Mujahideen against Soviet troops

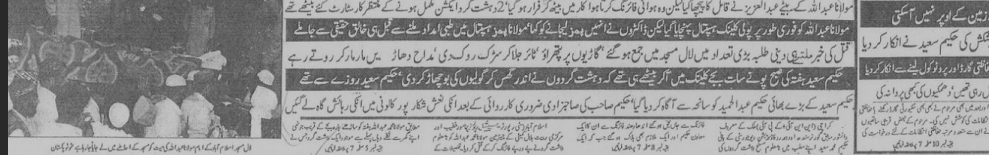
In 1998, Moulana Abdullah with Moulana Zahoor Ahmad Alwi, Qari Saeed-ur-Rehman and some other scholars, toured Afghanistan. Moulana took his son (Abdul Rashid Ghazi) specially with him. This delegation met Mullah Omar ,Osama Bin Laden. and Dr Ayman Al Zawahiri

A Week After He Returned From Kandahar, On Saturday October,17,1998 ,He was assassinated in the courtyard of Lal Masjid While his elder son Moulana Abdul Aziz Ghazi barely escaped death

"The USA's Troops will Enter Afghanistan in Tanks and Planes Yet They will leave Afghanistan Only in body bags Like Their Predecessor (The Soviet Union) "

- Maulana Abdullah Ghazi Shaheed In Response To USA's Threat To Invade Afghanistan After Operation Infinite Reach , 1998





Local Newspaper Announces The Assassination Of Maulana Abdullah Ghazi Shaheed



Maulana Abdul Rasheed Ghazi Shaheed

Maulana Abdul Rashid Ghazi was the youngest son of Maulana Abdullah , Born on Janaury , 1964 when his father was appointed Imam of Lal Masjid, Abdul Rashid moved to Islamabad from his birthplace of Basti Abdullah with family. Here

Maulana Abdul Rasheed Ghazi enrolled into a Federal Government School where he proved his academic acumen by continually being in the top of his class. Despite his father's insistence, Abdul Rashid refused to enroll himself to madrasa and instead pursued his education at

Qaudi-e-Azam University in Islamabad. He completed his Masters in International Relations from Qauid-e-Azam in the early 1990s However Despite Him Defying His Father's Wish He Surprised His Father When in 1980 , He Traveled To Afghanistan To Fight Alongside The Mujahadeen Against Soviet Troops Upon His Return he obtained a job at the Ministry of Education in Islamabad, and later served at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). He held a brief stint as the editor of "Diyami", the monthly magazine of the Ministry of Education



As Previously Mentioned He Accompanied His Father Maulana Abdullah And Religious Scholars To Kandhar, Afghanistan Where he met Osama Bin Laden , Abdur-Rashid requested to meet Osama Bin Laden in seclusion, and they did meet for an hour in private. Abdur-Rashid Ghazi, unlike his father, was not fluent in Arabic, so he conversed in English with Osama Bin Laden, and asked some tough questions. Osama Bin Laden answered all questions by this young men. At the end of the conversation, Maulana Abdul-Rasheed Ghazi picked up a glass of water next to Osama, and drank leftover. Osama expressed surprise at his actions, to which Ghazi replied, I drank your leftover so that Allah can make me warrior like you.

After October 17, 1998 , Due to lack of trust in Pakistan's legal system, his elder son refused to lodged FIR, but Abdul Rashid Ghazi lodged the FIR and police investigated the case. After a relentless effort, a man was arrested and during the ID parade, an eye witness identified the assassin. However, he was released the next day without Any reason due to interference of some influential forces. Abdul Rashid Ghazi protested against the release and warned the police of legal action if the suspect was not arrested again. With Ghazi increasing pressure on police, a military officer asked Ghazi to withdraw the case or face the fate of his father. According to his friend, this was turning point in Ghazi's life, and he became disillusioned him with system.



**Abdul Rashid Ghazi Now Started to Get Involve
with his brother Maulana Abdul Aziz Ghazi and
Now Began Teaching English, History And
Philosophy**

**To The Students Of The Red Mosque And Jamia
Hafsa , Soon After He Would Become Naib
Khatib Of The Red Mosque And The Vice
Chancellor Of Jamia Farida (Faridia University,
Islamabad)**

**He Was Openly Against Pakistan Being Involved
America's War On Islam And Gave Speeches In
Defense Of Afghanistan The Government Tried
To Silence Him When In 2004 , The Government
Falsely Accused Him Of Planning Attacks**

**He Founded Several Humanitarian aid
Organizations Such As "Al Qasem Foundation"
And "Defence of Muslim Rights Organization"
And Co-Founded "Defence of Human Rights
Pakistan" With Amina Masood Janjua**

**"We Can Be Martyred But
We Will Never Surrender"**

-Maulana Abdul Rasheed Ghazi Shaheed



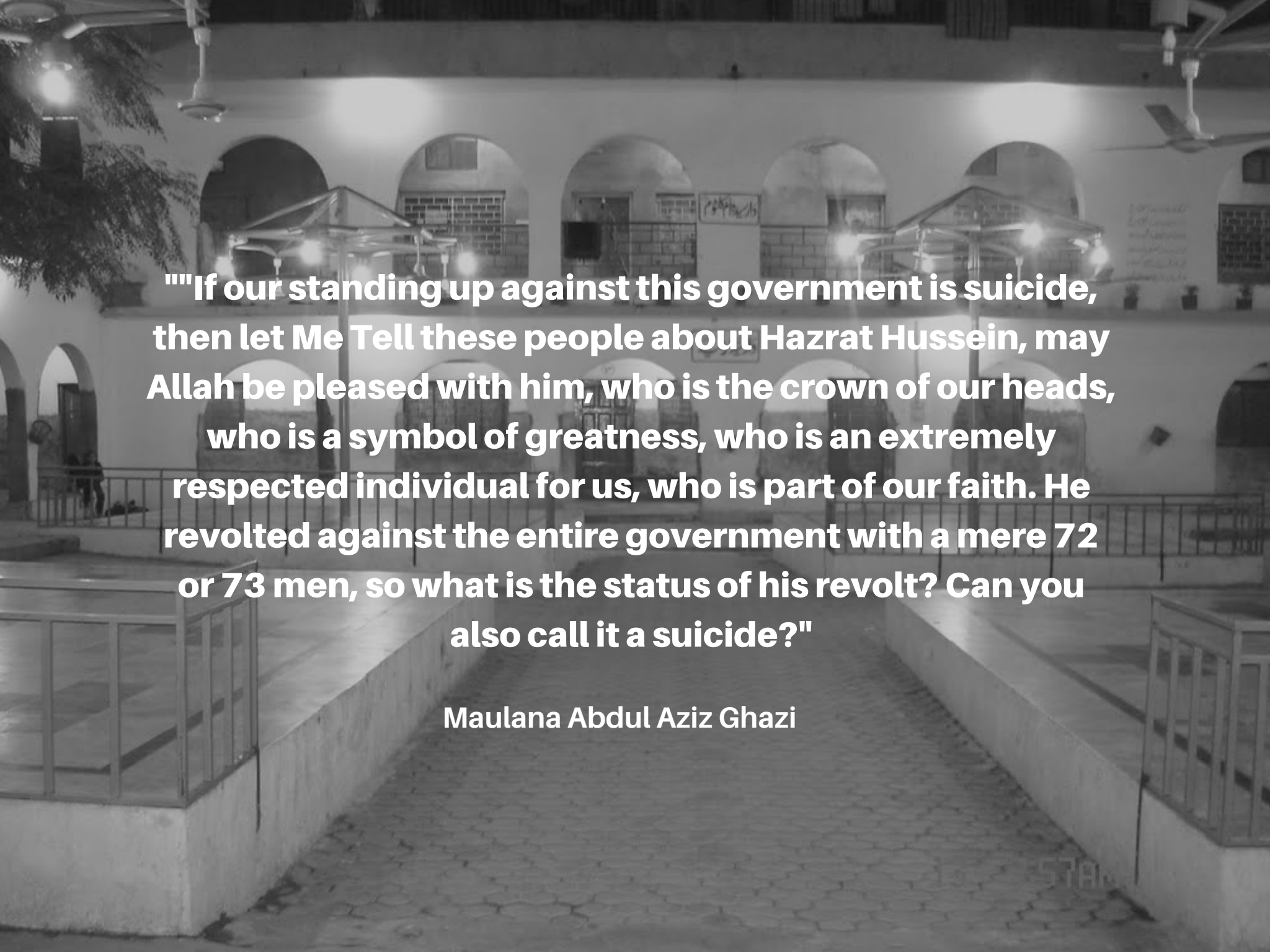
Abdur Rasheed Ghazi And His Brother Maulana Azizz Were Respected Teachers According to One Of the Students For example they used to spend 10 million PKR on the students and supported nearly 10,000 students, yet they themselves were known to eat from the students' leftovers. Despite having so much funds to spend on students Abdul Rasheed Ghazi drove a small Suzuki Mehran.

"He would Be Martyred Leading The Resistance Against Leftist Liberal Forces During The Siege Of Lal Masjid"

"We have neither killed anyone nor have we committed any crime for so many of our children to be murdered here each day as a punishment We believe that if even a few people stand up to a large army, they can confront it if they are on the Truth; and we are on the Truth -- that is why we have been able to fight them for so long"

-Maulana Abdul Rasheed Ghazi Shaheed





""If our standing up against this government is suicide, then let Me Tell these people about Hazrat Hussein, may Allah be pleased with him, who is the crown of our heads, who is a symbol of greatness, who is an extremely respected individual for us, who is part of our faith. He revolted against the entire government with a mere 72 or 73 men, so what is the status of his revolt? Can you also call it a suicide?"

Maulana Abdul Aziz Ghazi

Maulana Abdul Aziz Ghazi

Maulana Abdul Aziz Ghazi (May God Protect Him) Was Born in Basti Abdullah, Balochistan. After studying for few years in a public school, he was later sent to Karachi to study in a religious seminary. He is a graduate of Jamia Uloom-ul-Islamia Banuri Town, a Madrassah in Karachi, where he studied the customary Dars-e-Nizami, which is taught at the most elementary level of religious education in Pakistan. He First came to Islamabad as a six-year-old boy from his home town in Balochistan, when his father was appointed khateeb of Lal Masjid in 1966. After his father's Assassination, Maulana Abdul Aziz Assumed the role of Imam at the Lal Masjid And The Chancellor Of Both Jamia Hafsa And Jamia Faridia

During the Infamous Red Mosque Massacre He was called 'by a senior official of the Government with whom he has been in touch fo a long time' To Negotiate Peace Between Him And The Government, Since this man could not enter into the mosque to meet him. He asked Maulana Aziz to come down to Aabpara police station, situated on a walking distance from the mosque and asked him to wear a burqa to avoid identification



**But When He came out He was immediately
Arrested And It was portrayed on National
Television As If He was trying to Escape**

**His Only Son 'Hassan Ghazi' Remained Fighting
And Was Martyred on July 10 , 2007**

**He was released on 16 April 2009 by the
Pakistani supreme court as he was on trial for
Falsely Accused charges of murder, incitement,
and kidnapping.**

**He Now Remains The Imam Of The Red Mosque
And The Chancellor Of Both Jamia Hafsa And
Jamia Faridia**

**Since His Release In 2009 He has Authored
Many Books Including "The Great Blessing Of
Allah (SWT) And (Islami Inqilab Ki Koshish Fard
e Ayn ho Chukki? Meaning 'Why The Struggle
For Islamic Revolution Has Become Necessary**

**"Islamic Revolution Is The Future Of
This Nation Inshallah"**

Maulana Abdul Aziz Ghazi





Abdul Rasheed Ghazi Talks
To Al Jazeera Arabic , 2002

"Many of us have developed an attitude' one of "we cannot bear to be insulted, and we do not want to create any tension." I always say that if serving the religion in a peaceful and calm manner is all that is demanded of us, then Allah would have accepted such service from His Messenger, peace be upon him, or would have accepted such peaceful service from the Esteemed Companions. But we see that Allah made them go through stages of hardship and tension too. Did not the Holy Prophet, peace be upon him, endure tense moments? He waged jihad too. His Holy blood was spilled. Even his blessed teeth were martyred. How many of us have even had a stone thrown at us? ; we have adopted the attitude: "One of my routine should not be disturbed; I should keep to my routine." Instead, we should be prepared for everything, and we should not surrender so easily."

- Maulana Abdul Rasheed Ghazi Shaheed



Lal Masjid In 1972



Lal Masjid Present Day



Lal Masjid in 1995



Present Day



Jamia Hafsa In 2006



Jamia Hafsa in 2007



Abdul Rasheed Ghazi In
Afghanistan, 1980



Abdul Rasheed Ghazi In His
Office, 1996



Abdul Rasheed Ghazi in 2007



Maulana Abdul Aziz During A
Press Conference, 2017



Maulana Abdul Aziz In His Office ,
2018



Hassan Ghazi , Maulana's Only
Son Martyred During The Lal
Masjid Massacare



Maulana Abdullah Ghazi Shaheed
In His Office , 1992



Maulana At The Saudi Embassy ,
1983



Maulana Giving a Friday
Sermon